

ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

BUILT ON A FOUNDATION OF SUCCESS

STATE OF HOMELESSNESS ADDRESS

May 13, 2026



AGENDA

- ▶ **Introduction**

- ▶ **2026 Point In Time Count**

- ▶ **2025 System, Need, and Response**

- ▶ **Community Successes**

- ▶ **Looking Forward: Navigating Uncertainty**

PARTNERSHIP HOME

VISION

A vibrant community where everyone
has a place to call home

MISSION

To transform our community through leadership,
partnership, and innovation

PARTNERSHIP HOME

FOUNDATION OF WORK



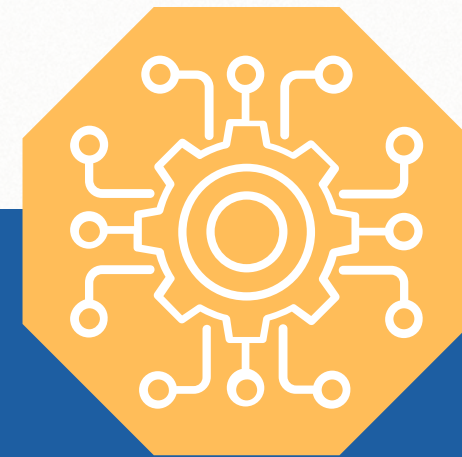
STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

We do our work to help others succeed in theirs



THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

We provide trusted guidance and industry expertise



INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

We bring new ideas and financial resources to meet needs

PARTNERSHIP HOME

AREAS OF FOCUS

Advancing affordable housing

GOAL

To create collaborative solutions to increase access and availability of affordable housing throughout our community

Investing in homeless prevention

GOAL

To prevent community members from experiencing homelessness by investing in upstream interventions

Managing homeless response

GOAL

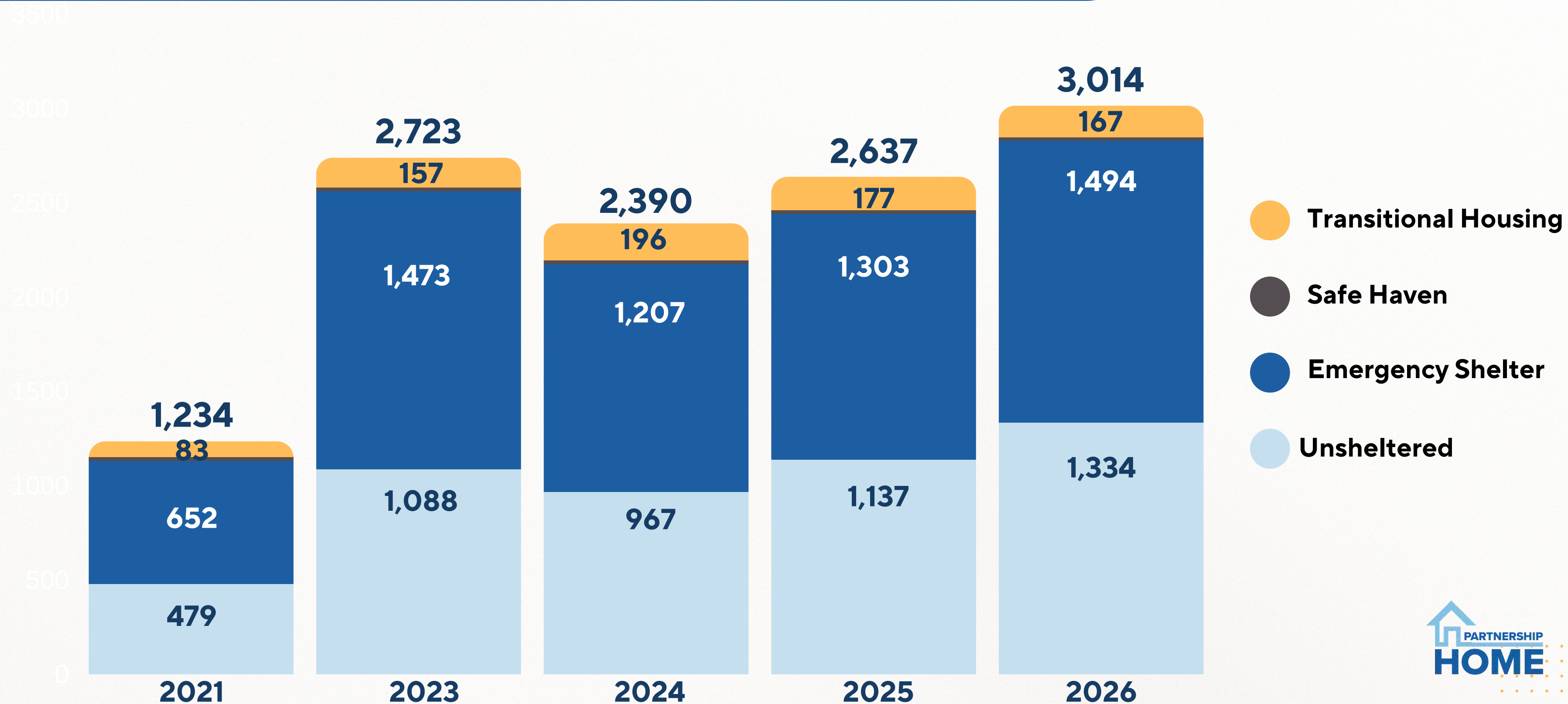
To create partnerships to collectively impact effective and efficient community solutions for those experiencing homelessness

2026
POINT IN TIME COUNT



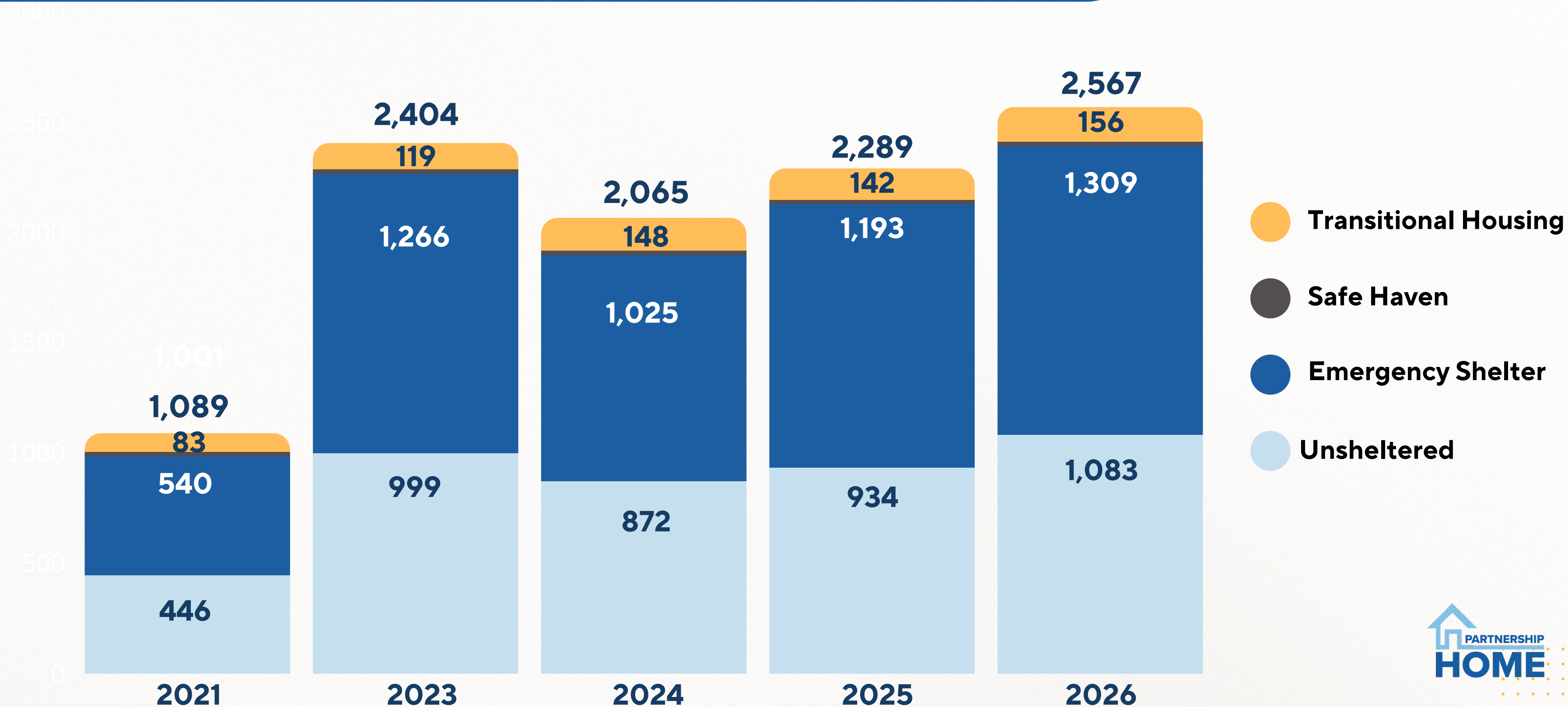
POINT IN TIME COUNT

TARRANT & PARKER COUNTIES



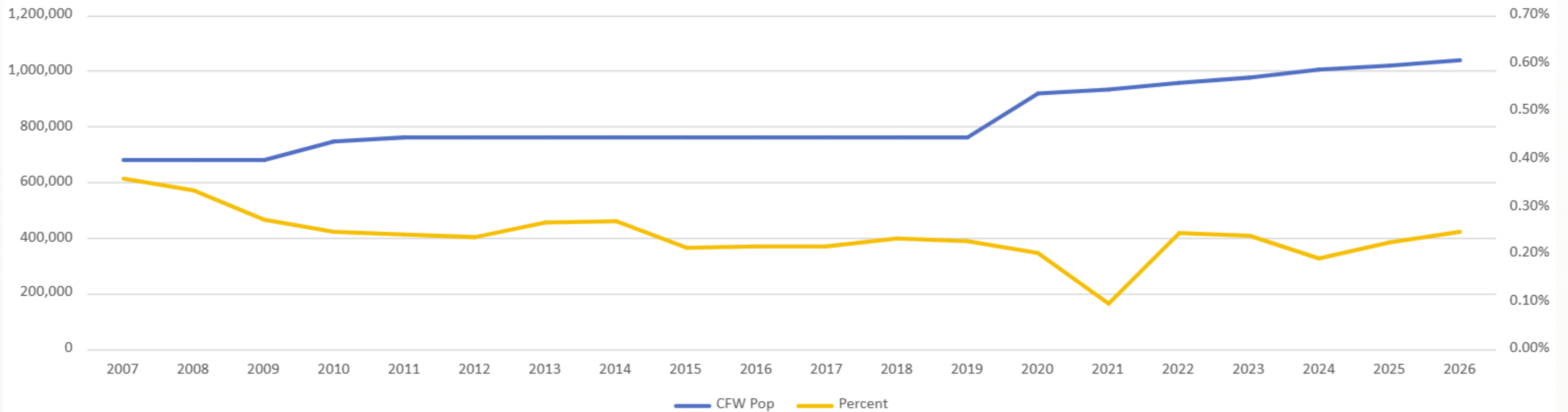
POINT IN TIME COUNT

FORT WORTH



PER CAPITA HOMELESSNESS

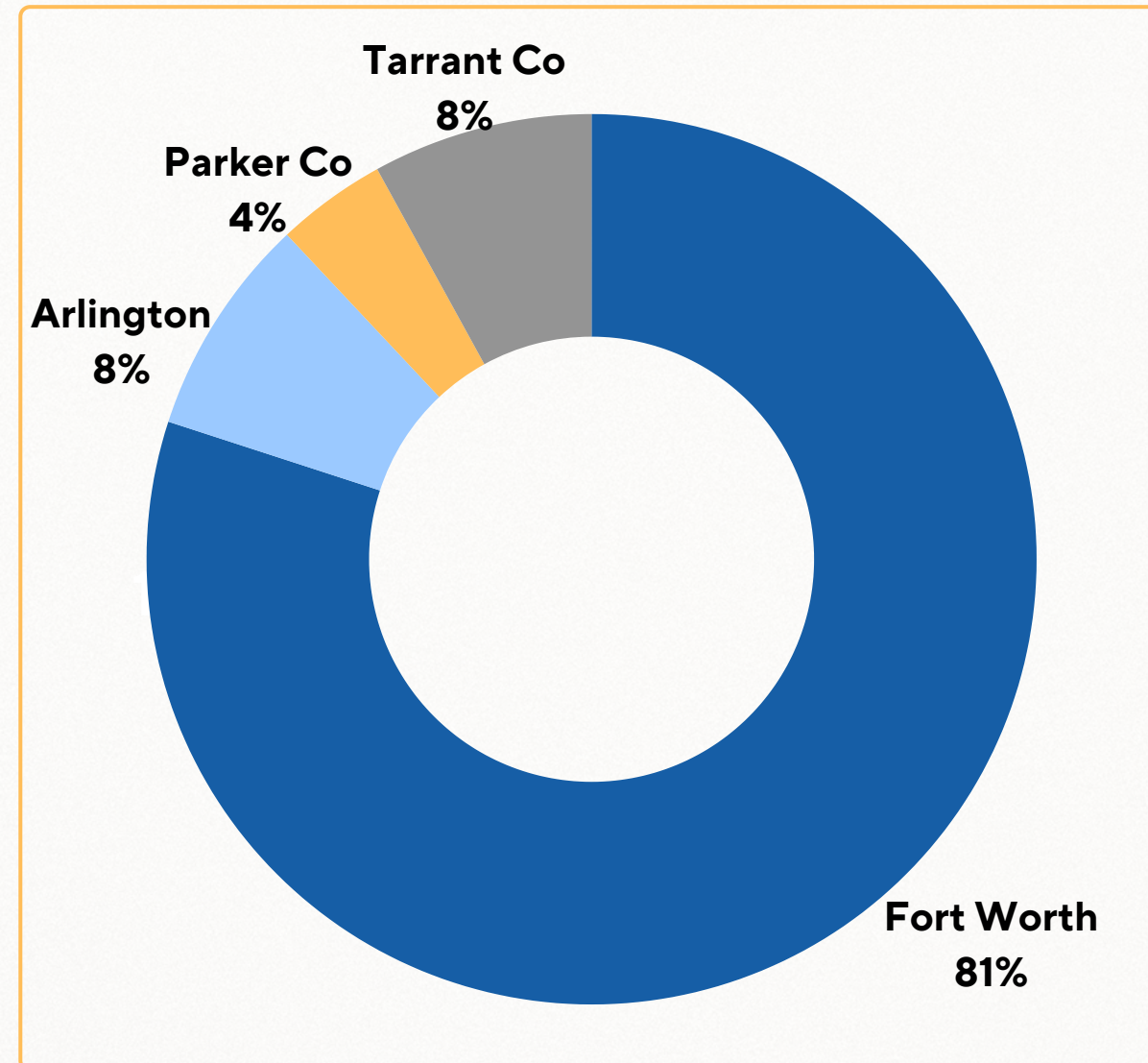
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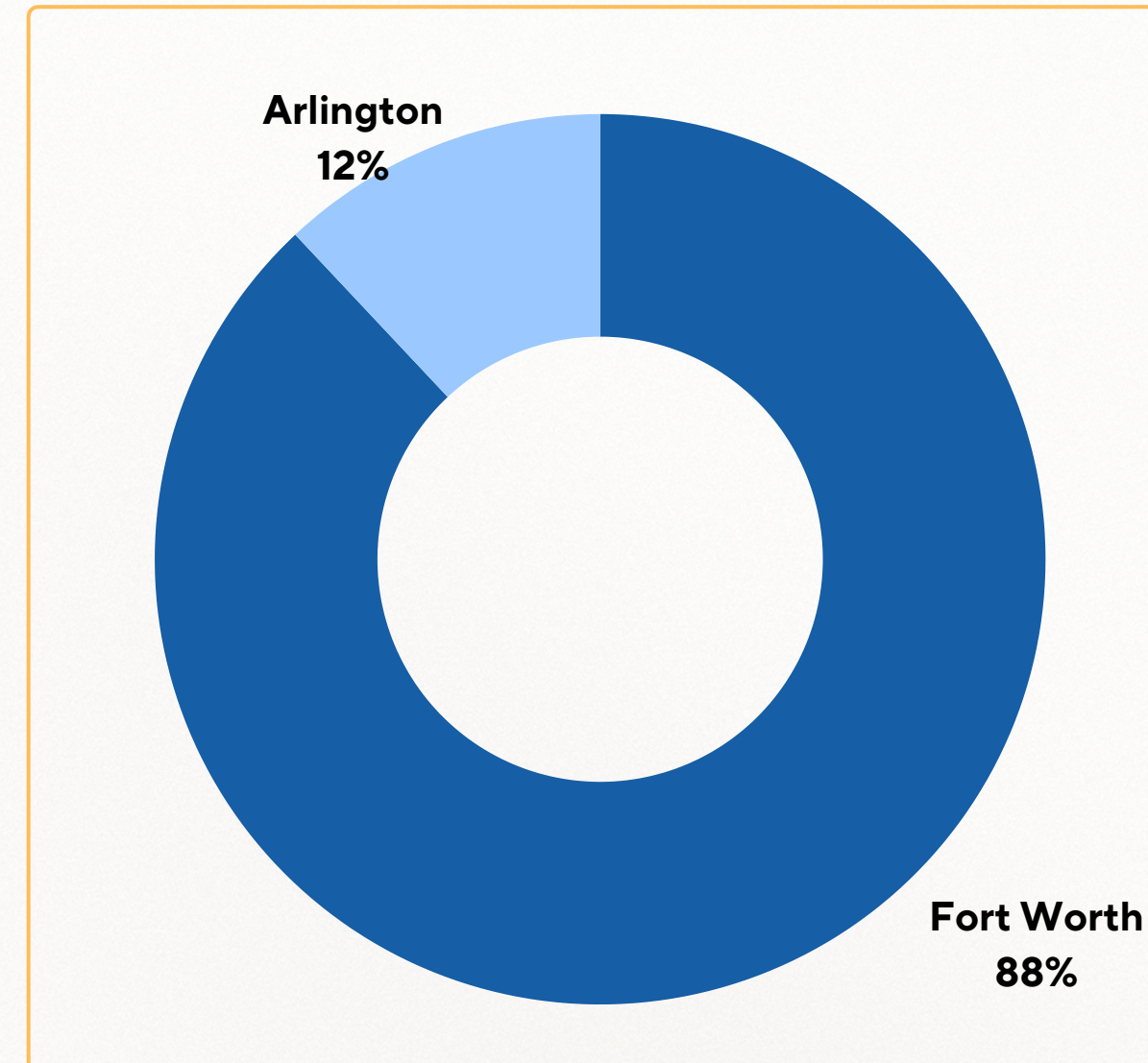
LOCATIONS

SHELTERED AND UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

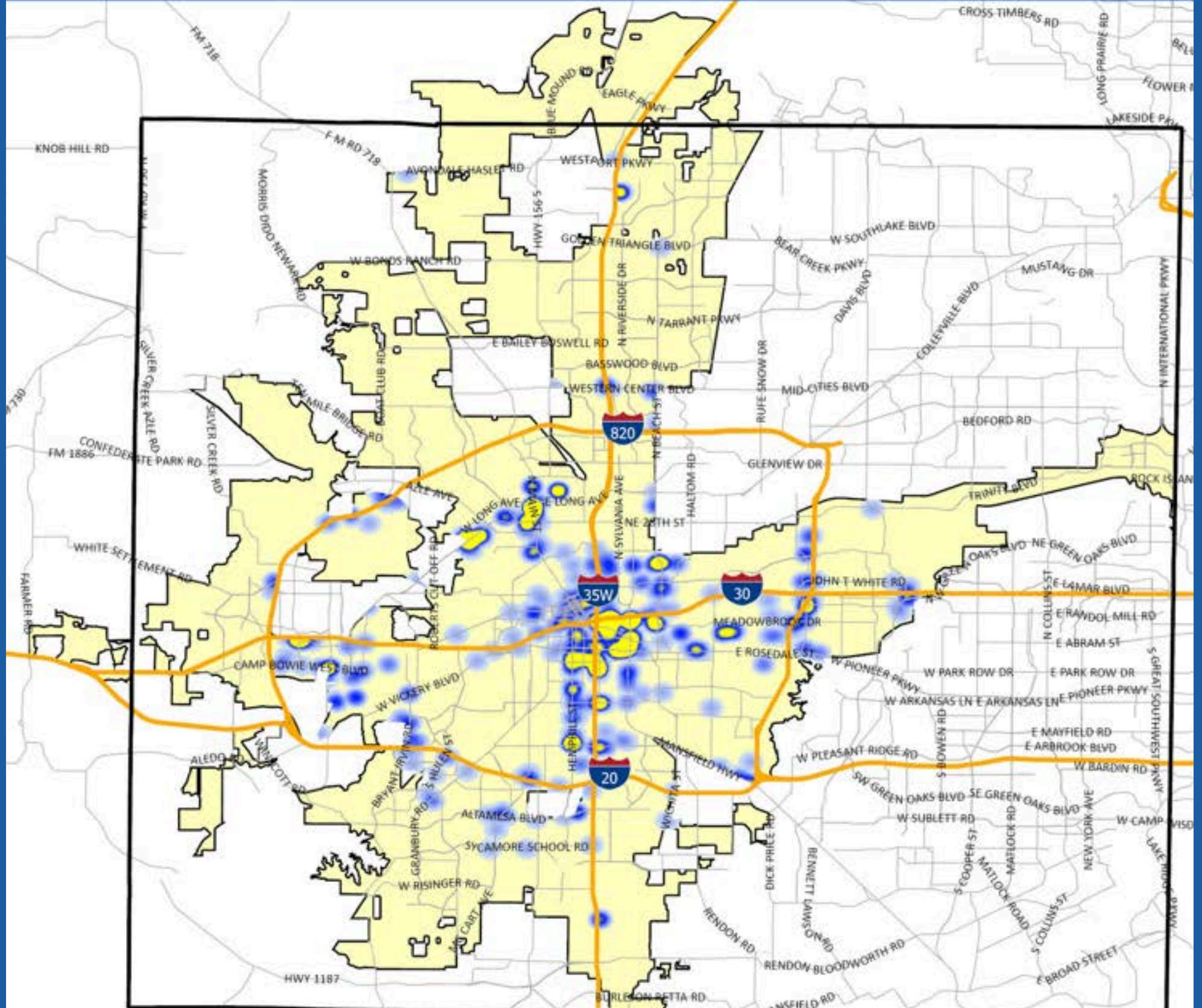
Unsheltered



Sheltered



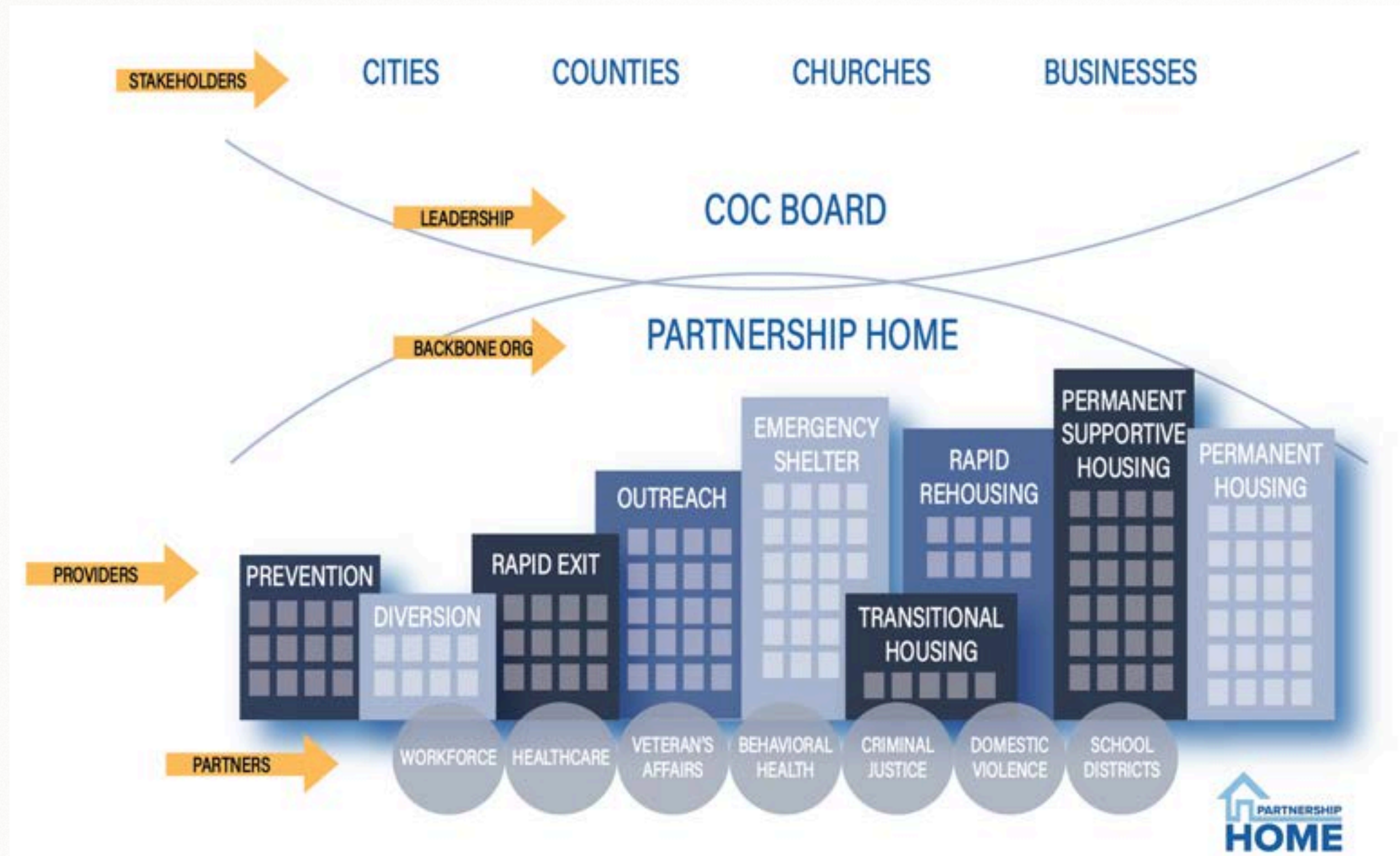
GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION: FORT WORTH



2025
SYSTEM
NEED & RESPONSE



HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM

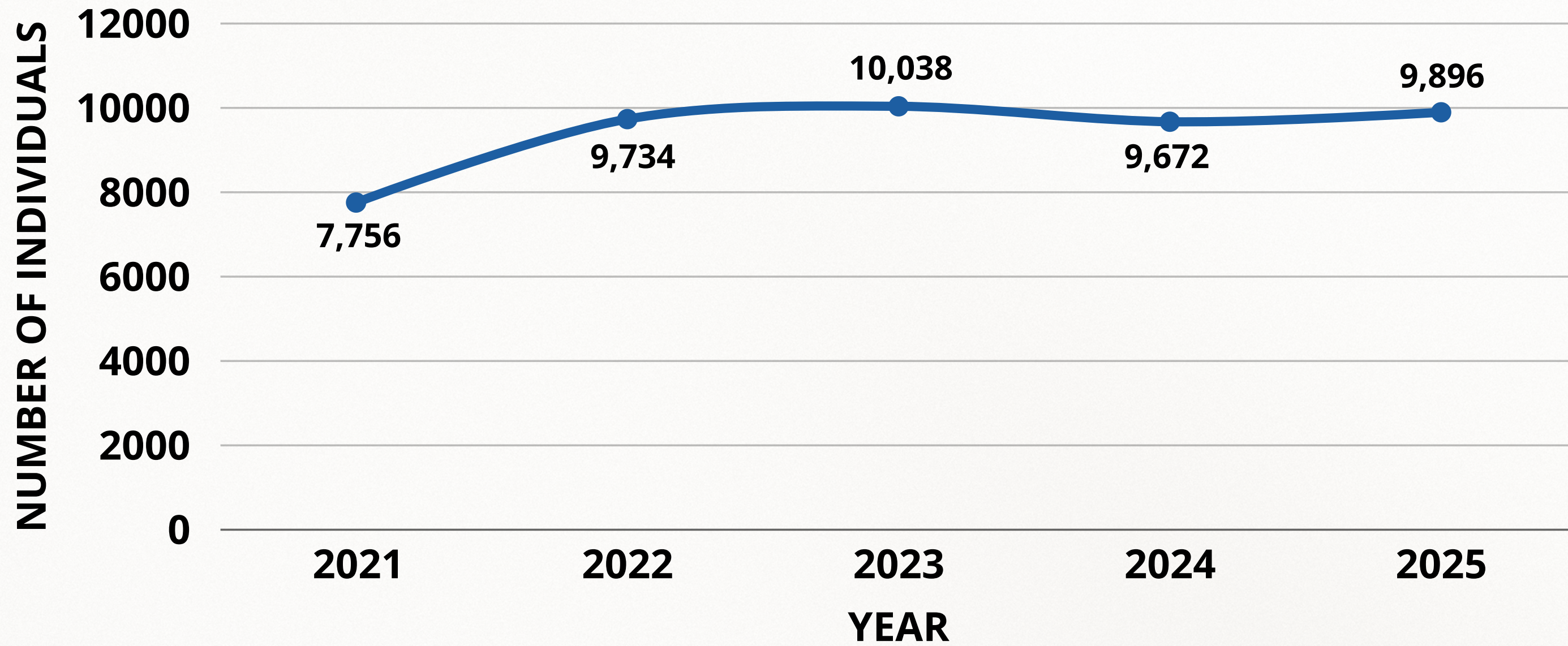


SHARED COMMUNITY VISION

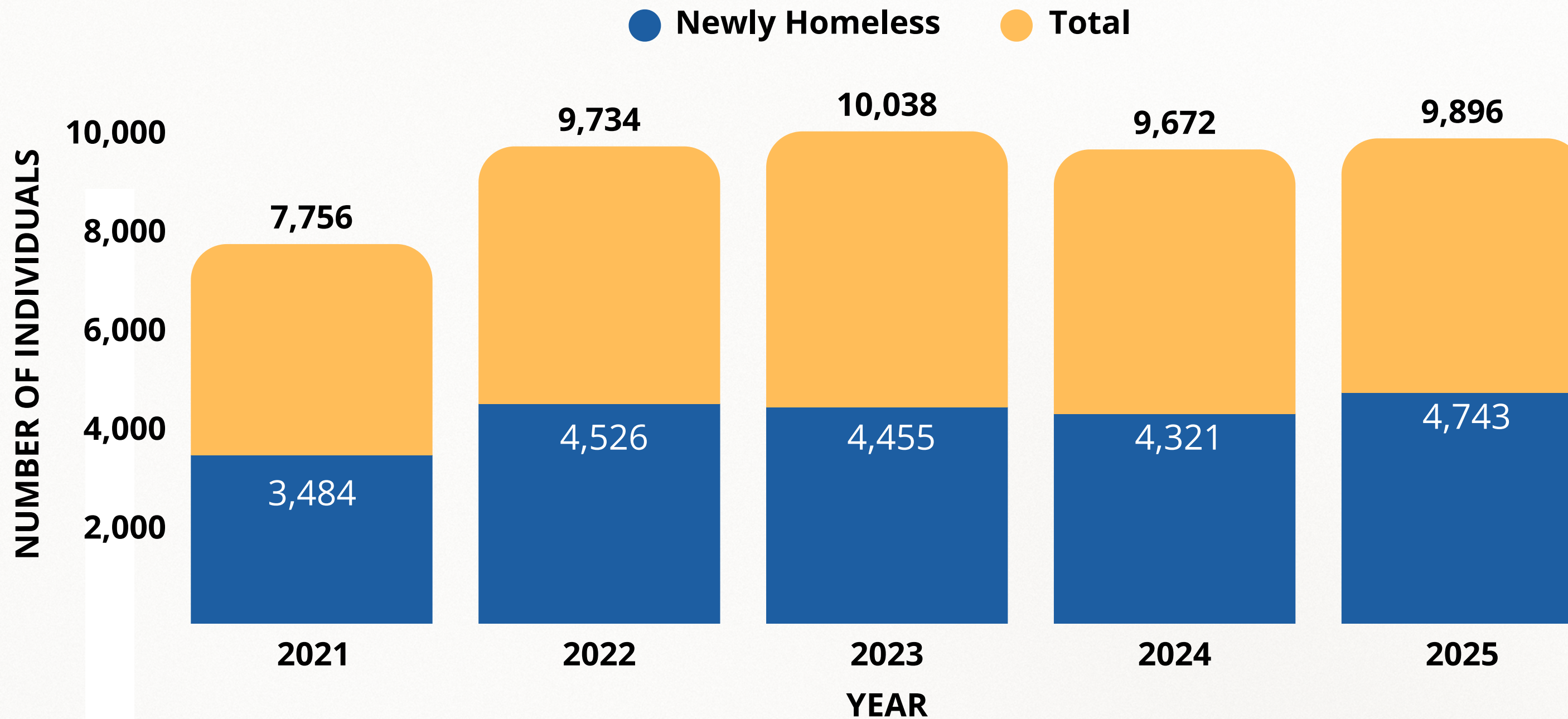
A vibrant community where every individual has a place to call home and the resources to live their best life.

TOTAL EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

SHELTERED & UNSHELTERED

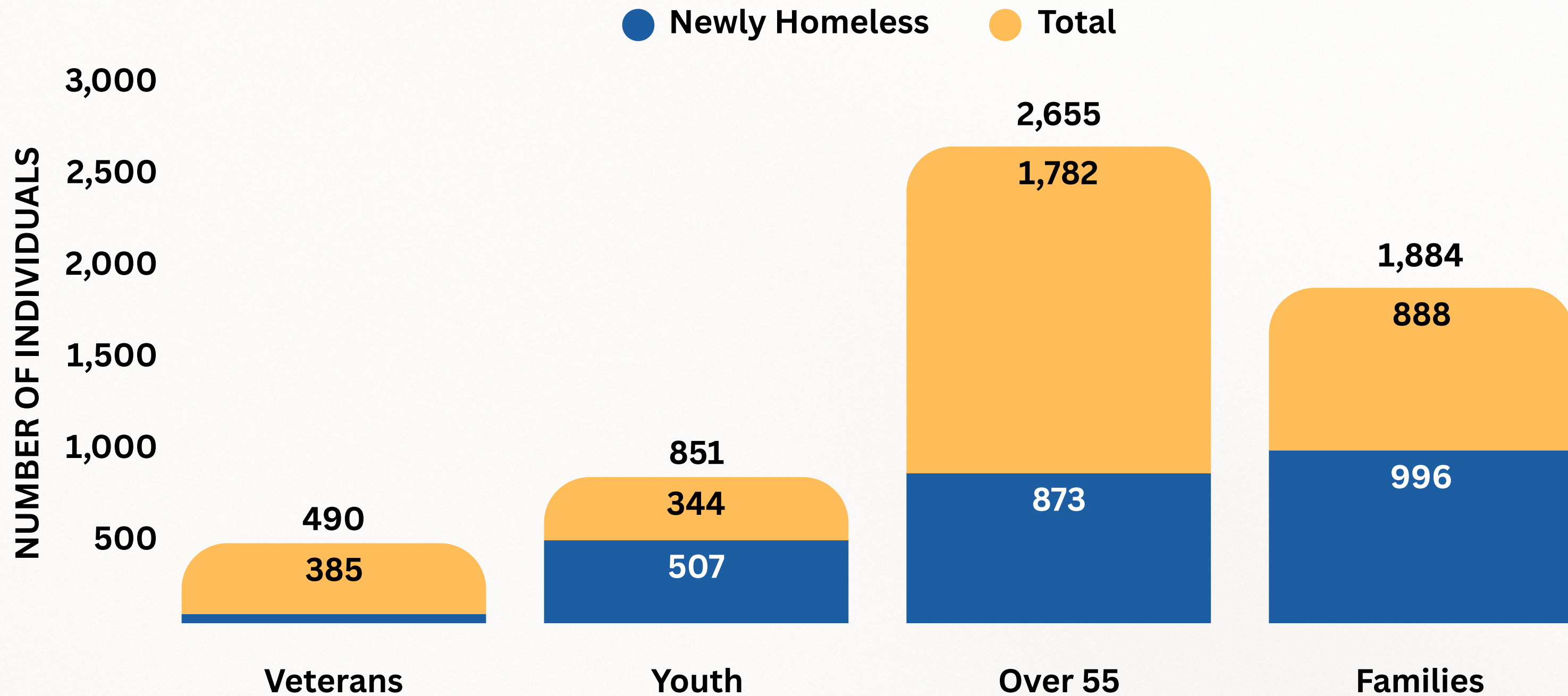


FIRST-TIME HOMELESSNESS

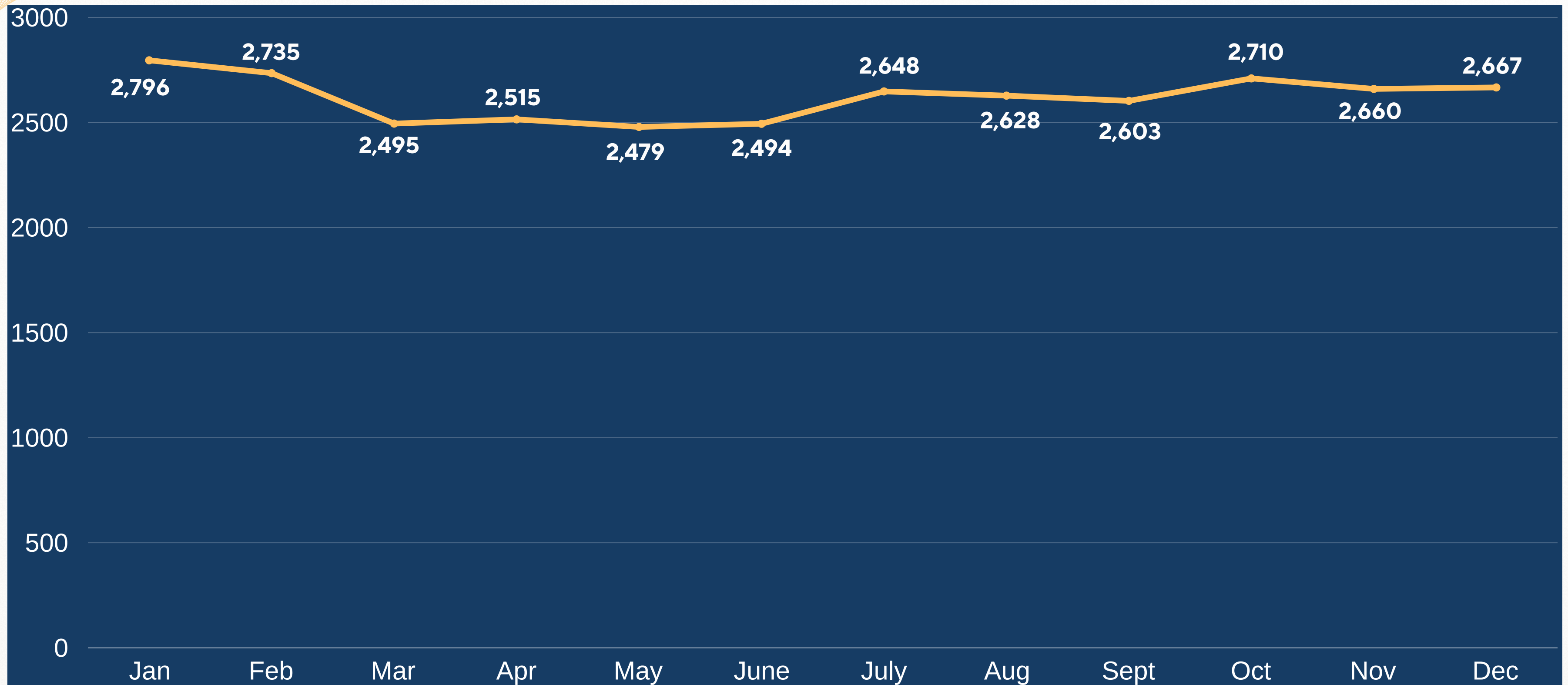


FIRST-TIME HOMELESSNESS

POPULATIONS



MONTHLY TOTALS



MONTHLY SNAPSHOT



Of those...



78
Veterans



834
Chronically homeless

COMMUNITY SUCCESSES

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



ACCOMPLISHMENTS



2084

Households found a place to call home

In partnership with 40 organizations serving people exiting homelessness.



42

New landlord partners committed

We work with nearly 200 community landlords, securing access to an impressive 24,639 units.



163

Programs supported by our HMIS team

Provided training, technical assistance, reporting support, and system management services.



495

Hours of training to 689 people

Over 150 training courses provided to community partners, about best practices in homeless services.

COMMUNITY SUCCESS

High Level of Collaboration

Our community put collaboration into action, relying on and working with one another

Best-Fit Approach

One size does NOT fit all here; we give people the intervention they need to get back on their feet again



Landlord Engagement

We are a national model for landlord engagement and expanding access to housing

New Local Resources

City of Fort Worth has invested in programs that work and can be expanded

BETHANY WARNER

**CITY OF FORT WORTH
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

TARA PEREZ

**CITY OF FORT WORTH
HOMELESS STRATEGIES MANAGER**

Homeless Strategies Goal

Homeless Strategies funds housing services and resources for people experiencing homelessness in Fort Worth.

LOOKING FORWARD
NAVIGATING UNCERTAINTY



FEDERAL POLICY CHANGE

- Funding caps
 - Tier 1 capped at 60% of funding
 - Permanent housing capped at 30% of funding
- Shift away from permanent housing programs
 - Transitional housing
 - Supportive services including outreach
 - Treatment focus
 - Employment programs
- Include faith-based and orgs who have not been funded
- Must work with law enforcement and ICE

LOCAL IMPACT: NUMBER SERVED

CURRENT

Permanent Supportive Housing



763 Households

Rapid Rehousing



269 Households

Loss of 400 units
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Loss of all units
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FUTURE

Permanent Supportive Housing



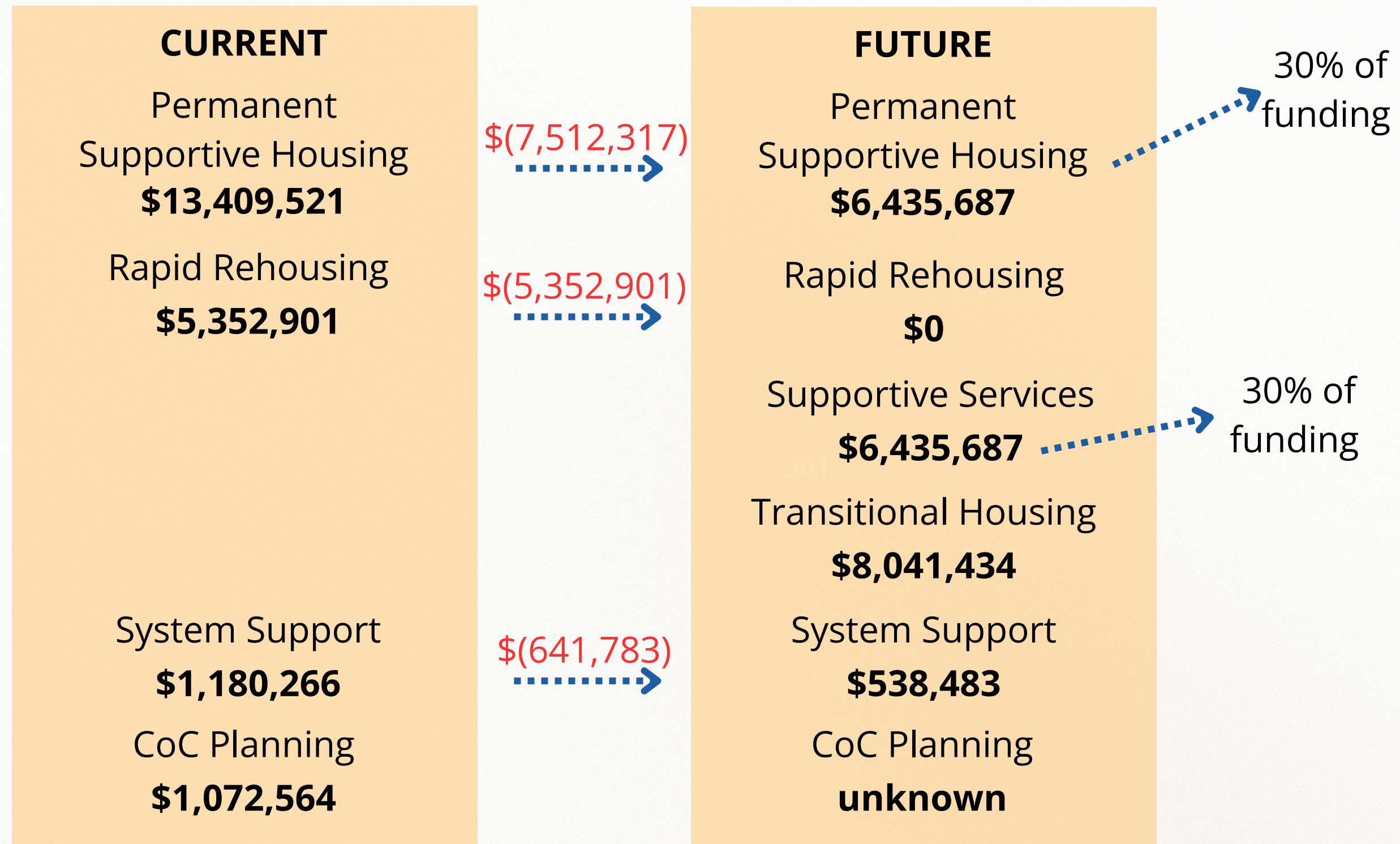
350 Households

Rapid Rehousing



0 Households

LOCAL IMPACT: FUNDING





ADDITIONAL POLICY CHANGE

▶ **Proposed Federal Policy Change**

- FY27 Budget
- Consolidation of ESG and COC
- Change CoC to a state block grant
- Planning for significant decrease in federal funding

▶ **Proposed State Policy Change**

- Severely restricting where homeless services can be provided
- Strengthening involuntary commitment laws
- Services available for people who have been involuntarily committed

KEY TAKEAWAYS

14% increase in annual census

Point in Time Count showed an annual increase of 14% from 2025

2% increase in annual number served

Total number of people experiencing homelessness increased by 2% from 2024 to 2025

Funding decrease will lead to increase in homelessness

Funding changes will lead to a reduction in housing funding and increase in homelessness.

Local Investments Make a Difference

Investments from the City of Fort Worth have helped move 80 people off the street and into housing.

High level of coordination and cooperation

Nonprofits, municipalities, and other groups work together well to be responsive and nimble.



Scan the QR code to **explore local resources** for people experiencing homelessness.